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## Man pinned by truck airlifted to hospital

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

A 29-year-old Minden man was airlifted to hospital in Toronto with serious injuries after getting pinned between a truck and a trailer.

Just before 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7, Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to Riverview Furniture in downtown Minden where the man, who'd been picking up furniture with a 28-year-old female companion, had been struck.

According to police, the man was standing on a set of stairs leading to a storage trailer while he directed the woman, who was reversing in a pickup truck.

The man was struck by the truck, pinning him between it and the trailer.

OPP say the investigation is continuing.

Meanwhile, the man has been identified as Ryan Jennings.

A fundraising page has been set up on crowd-sourcing website gofundme.com.

According to the site, Jennings suffered fractured legs and pelvis, has three broken ribs and a fractured kneecap.

The page states that money raised will go toward medical expenses.



### Harvesting fur

Ashley Black, left, and dad Dale Black work on beavers together at the annual Minden and District Fur Harvesters workshop on Jan. 10 at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre. The full-day event included demonstrations, competition and comraderie. See more photos on page 4. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

## Cottage near Coboconk explodes

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Two people were injured and the fire marshal's office is investigating after a cottage near Coboconk exploded during the weekend.

Kawartha Lakes OPP officers were called to the seasonal residence on Normwood Drive at approximately 10 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8.

At first it was believed the call was for a structure fire.

It turned out that the owners, who live in Keswick, had detected a strange odour and

had called a local gas company.

The owners and a propane technician were on site when the explosion occurred and two people were transported to hospital in Toronto with serious injuries. The investigation is ongoing. OPP have said the cause of the explosion is not suspicious.

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# Making friends with Muscle Shoals

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

It was a showing of *Muscle Shoals* at Haliburton's Those Other Movies that led county residents Jim and Bernie Davis to the Alabama town for which the documentary is named.

The film tells the story of record producer Rick Hall and his recording studio where artists such as Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Mick Jagger and Bono made some of their most magical recordings.

"I walked out the door and said, 'Let's go there,'" Bernie recalls.

That was in the fall of 2013 and in the spring of 2014, the Davises headed to Muscle Shoals for the first time.

"Five weeks later, we had to force ourselves to go home," Bernie says. "It's not your typical tourist trap."

The Davises have been back four times since.

While the southern United States are famous for their hospitality, the Davises say the way they were welcomed in Muscle Shoals was like nothing they'd ever experienced.

"We've been in every state in the United States on our bikes," says Bernie.

The Davises were befriended by a group of fellow bikers who showed them around. Bernie says locals seemed puzzled as to why the Canadian couple had come to the small community.

"Why y'all here?" she says, paraphrasing their hosts. "When you say Canada, they're really not expecting that."

Muscle Shoals has a population of some 13,000.

The Davises became known as "the Canadians," people asking to take selfies with them and tracking their whereabouts on social media.

"By the time we'd get home, 100 people knew where the Canadians had been," Bernie says.

"The people there have an amazing memory of who you are," says Jim.

The Davises have become quasi-celebrities of sorts, featured in local newspapers.

In the spring of this year, the *Times Daily* out of Florence, Alabama ran a story called 16 hours to Muscle Shoals. It documents the Davises' love of the area and their activities, such as rubbing shoulders with musicians at local establishments like the Claunch Cafe.

In a musical town, it can seem like everyone is a musician, the Davises meeting guitarists who've played with the like of Bonnie Raitt and Little Richard.

"The two talk about the places they've visited, places such as The Alabama Music Hall of Fame, Rivertown Coffee Co., Rattlesnake Saloon and the people they've met as if they've been regulars in the Shoals all their lives," the story reads.

It includes a graphic, charting the 1,000-mile trip from Minden to Muscle Shoals.

Another local paper, the *Colbert County Reporter*, proclaims on the front page of its May 1, 2015 issue, "Jim and Bernie impressed with Shoals hospitality."

The Davises returned from their most recent trip to Muscle Shoals just before Christmas.

While they're not sure if they'll go back, Jim says it seems likely.

Bernie recommends Haliburton County residents check out the Shoals.

"You've got to go," she says.

**Bernie and Jim Davis are big fans of Muscle Shoals, Alabama. And the community seems to have taken a liking to them too. /CHAD INGRAM Staff**



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### MEETINGS & EVENTS

January 28

9:00 am, COTW/Regular Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers

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### PUBLIC NOTICE – PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, at their January 28th, 2016 Council Meeting will consider amendments to the following By-laws with respect to Fees and Charges:

- Schedule "B" By-law 15-02 – Camping Rates and Fees – Increases and Decreases to certain fees related to administration, camping and rentals
- Schedule "I" By-law 15-120 – Fees and Charges – Environment: Water, Sewer & Landfill – Housekeeping wording changes and Addition of new fee of \$50.00 per cubic yard for unsorted household waste and unsorted commercial refuse.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden. A full list of the proposed changes can be found on the Township's website at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca)

If you have questions regarding the changes to By-law 15-02 Schedule "B" Camping Rates and Fees please contact Director of Community Services Mark Coleman at 705-286-1936 ext. 201 or email [mcoleman@mindenhills.ca](mailto:mcoleman@mindenhills.ca)

If you have questions regarding the changes to By-law 15-120 Schedule "I" regarding landfill fees please contact Environmental and Property Operations Manager, Ivan Ingram at 705-286-1936 ext. 216 or email [iingram@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iingram@mindenhills.ca)

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Judges from North American Fur Auctions (NAFA) inspect the pelts that were lined up at the annual Minden and District Fur Harvesters workshop on Jan. 10. The most common pelts for the area are beaver, followed by otter and fishers. Pelts are judged based on a variety of aspects and then taken to be auctioned off. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Dylan Tamlin nails down a beaver pelt at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre

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Fur harvester Phil Tamlin, left, helps out brothers Aiden Perrett, centre, and Evan Perrett skin a muskrat at the annual Minden Fur Harvesters workshop on Jan. 10 at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre. The full-day event included demonstrations, competition and comraderie.



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# Minden resident given Order of the Diocese

by ANGELICA INGRAM  
Times Staff

Barbara Trocewicz doesn't think she's special, she just does what she can.

A Minden Hills resident for the past four decades, Trocewicz, 81, was recently given the honour of becoming a Member of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto by the Archbishop of Toronto, Reverend Colin R. Johnson.

Trocewicz, who is originally from the GTA, was surprised when she got a letter in the mail notifying her of the honour.

"I thought it's an honour and then I thought no I don't need that," she said, adding she doesn't do ministerial work for attention.

A regular attendee of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Trocewicz also attends St. Peter's church, as well as others.

She has spent many years helping out wherever she can, offering her time visiting with folks and doing church tasks such as preparing the altar. She is also a choir member.

"I just go and talk ... to those who are alone," she said. "That's my number one job, is visiting."

Trocewicz says she does whatever she's asked to do and doesn't even refer to it as volunteering.

On Jan. 1 she went down to Toronto, at the Archbishop's request, and attended the New Year's Day Levee at St. James Cathedral. There she was given the order, which is selected for individuals in the Diocese "who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry."

“Everybody does something, everybody that can. I think that's what churches are about.”

— BARBARA TROCEWICZ

Trocewicz went down to the ceremony with friends and was delighted to arrive and have members of her family there, which was a surprise for her.

"I was so excited because they didn't let me know they were coming," she said. "That was wonderful."

A lifelong church attendee, Trocewicz said she was asked a question by Rev. Joan Cavanagh in the weeks leading up to receiving the letter from the Archbishop but she never suspected what was going to happen.

Trocewicz said she felt very special when she attended the ceremony and was honoured to hear all the stories about the others getting recognized with her.

"It was just being in that huge church with all those people ... in one accord," she said.



Barbara Trocewicz, left, was made a Member of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto at St. James Cathedral on Jan. 1. She attended the event with Rev. Joan Cavanagh, right, who is the priest at St. Paul's Anglican Church and other area churches. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Trocewicz says she gets involved with her church because it makes her a part of something bigger.

"Everybody does something, everybody that can," she said. "I think that's what churches are about."

She plans to stay active in the church as long as she's around.

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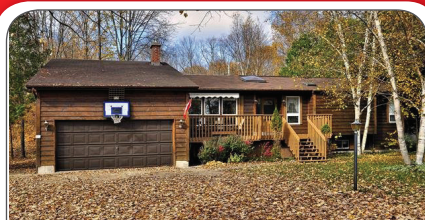
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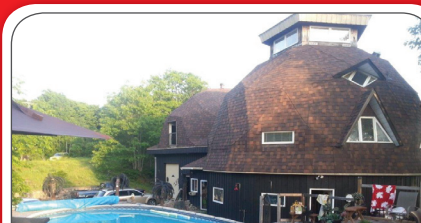


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## Let it snow (please)

AS I WRITE this it's minus 11 degrees outside, but that wasn't so a couple of days ago.

A couple of days ago it was plus eight.

This winter, if you can call it that, has been spastic. Must be a confusing time for migratory birds.

After a green Christmas, Old Man Winter made his first real appearance, dumping a pile of snow on the county Dec. 29.

Some of that snow has since departed, much of it converted to watery slush during the weekend with temperatures heading back toward the double digits.

Some climatologists suggest that this is going to be the new normal, which, for me, personally, is fine.

Not a skier nor snowboarder nor snowmobiler, I have little use for snow and much less use for the cold.

I know that I'm certainly not alone, that there are plenty of other Haliburtonians who prefer patios to powder.

However, the county requires winter – a traditional, cold, snow-covered winter – for its economic livelihood.

There are of course the businesses and organizations that benefit directly from the snow.

This winter is no doubt a challenging one for Sir Sam's, where the Christmas school break typically accounts for up to a third of the ski hill's annual revenues.

There's the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, which sells trail permits to users, proceeds going to the grooming and maintenance of the trails themselves.

There are the businesses that provide snow removal and rent ice huts and ones that repair snowmobiles.

But the necessity of winter, and the implications of having a winter that is not very wintry, run much deeper than that.



CHAD INGRAM  
Reporter

A non-wintery winter has ramifications for many businesses in the community.

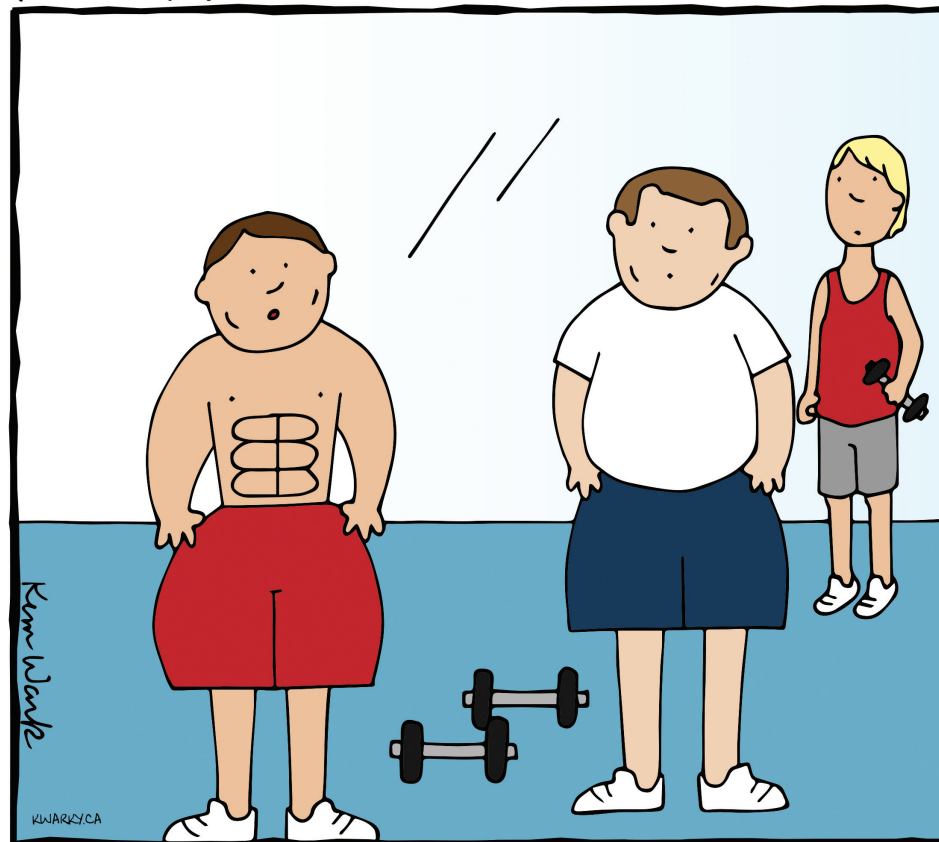
Not enough snow means not enough snowmobilers/skiers/snowshoers means not enough patrons at local restaurants or enough heads in beds with local accommodators.

I was talking to the guy at the gas station last week about the weather and the first thing out of his mouth was, "bad for business."

So, even if you're like me, a sucker for summer, pray to the snow gods or do a snow dance.

The county needs it to snow.

# KWARKY



"I'VE BEEN WORKING EXCLUSIVELY ON MY CORE."

## Forbidden kisses

I'M CERTAINLY NO DEAR ABBY when it comes to analyzing relationships or answering complex relationship-type questions, but I think I can field this one question that arose out of the recent news cycle.

Never kiss a reticulated python: that's the answer I would have given a Chinese woman visiting Thailand had she asked.

The woman, the news story goes, was at a zoo that, apparently, has less stringent safety standards than most pet stores around here. So, when she got to the reticulated python display she did what any normal single-for-a-very-very-good-reason person would do. Yes, she puckered up to kiss the dangerous reptile.

Let me repeat: this is exactly what I would have advised against.

And for good reason too. First of all, it gives off the impression that you are really desperate. Secondly, if this incident is any indication, snakes are not very comfortable with surprise kisses. Which is why, instead of giving her a friendly smooch, it latched its fangs deeply into her nose. (Here's hoping she took a selfie.)

The snake handlers eventually extricated her from the snake's jaws and took her to hospital where she received five stitches to repair the damage.

And that's how the incident ended.

Maybe, I'm a hopeless romantic, but I suspect her nose wasn't the only thing broken. Let's face it: incidents like this can break your heart too.

And that's why I feel for her. I mean, hey, who among us hasn't had their nose bitten a time or two?

Look, I'm not saying what she did was wise. Heck, it was brash and risky.

She took a chance, rolled the dice, put herself out there, risked vulnerability. But she did it all for a chance at love – or for a really awesome selfie, which I truly hope she got.

Do I blame the snake for doing what it did?

Heck no. Yes, it was a bit harsh, but at least that snake didn't string her along and waste her time. There were no mixed messages – and you've got to admit, that in itself is kind of noble.

You're probably saying maybe it wasn't like that at all. You might even be thinking the woman was stupid.

Well, I'll admit that what she did was a bit forward. I mean who goes for it like that on the very first date? If she had asked me – and clearly, she didn't – I would have advised her to get to know the snake a bit more, perhaps over coffee and a rodent.

If that went well, I might have advised her to ask for a second date – this time maybe dinner and dancing. Again, I would have told her to hold off on the kissing part.

If I were her, I would have been looking for those telltale signs regarding whether or not the relationship should go further. Did he drink too much? Did he mention or compare you to his mother more than a few times? Did he suggest separate bills? Does he have gainful employment or good prospects? Is he ambitious? Was there that special spark we all want? When he held you did he constrict you far too tightly? We know he can he keep you in stitches, but is he funny?

If the answer to any of these is yes, maybe or no, I would have advised not to kiss him. He's a reticulated python for goodness sake!

Like I said, I'm no Dear Abby, but I think I've got this one covered.



STEVE GALEA  
Beyond 35



# IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## Bold, beautiful and foxy

I SAW HIM from the corner of my eye. He was standing statue still, no more than 15 feet away, staring into a pile of snow-covered rocks.

He lunged forward, nose into the snow, and when he backed up, a chipmunk hung from the corner of his mouth. He ran down the trail, stopped and swallowed his meal.

That's a real-life nature scene, I thought as I went back to what I was doing. When I lifted my head a couple of minutes later, there he was again, staring at me from a knoll not 20 feet away.

He was the most beautiful red fox I have seen in years. Young, probably born last spring, and absolutely prime. The fronts of his legs looked like he was wearing clean black stockings. His bushy tail was almost one-half his body length. His face with its long snout, pointed ears and mischievous eyes was one only his mother could love.

Most of the foxes I have seen in recent years have been emaciated – thin and weak. A couple have showed patches of bare skin where mange has taken the fur.



**JIM POLING SR.**  
*From Shaman's Rock*

This one was curious and not displaying much fear. I held my hand toward him and clicked my tongue and he took a couple of cautious steps toward me. The hand was empty and I had nothing to offer so he backed off.

I wasn't worried about being close to him. He was wildly healthy looking so I had little concern about rabies.

You have to admire foxes. They are clever hunters who always hunt alone. Their lives, which usually last only 18 to 24 months, are a perpetual search for food. And, they have clever ways of getting what they need to eat, one of the most clever of which is decoying ducks.

Ducks are difficult for foxes to catch because they usually are on the water or in the air. So foxes will cavort on a shoreline, rolling about and acting crazy. Ducks are curious critters and when they see the fox antics they paddle close to shore for a better look. When they get close enough the sly fox snags one.

Early Indians observed this and began using fox skins to attract ducks. They tied ropes to the tail and nose of the skin. Each end was taken by a hunter who hid behind a bush. The Indians would pull the rope back and forth making the skin move like a fox acting silly. When the ducks approached, the Indians would throw a net over them.

Although they prefer to burrow underground, foxes will sometimes climb trees and settle in low branches to snooze or watch for prey. They also are especially good at finding their way in the dark because they have excellent night vision, and they have whiskers on their legs that help them feel their way.

They usually are quiet animals but they have a variety of calls ranging from yips to a high-pitched scream made during the mating season.

Foxes are still hunted around the world as pests and for sport, although hopefully the days of killing a fox to put its tail on car radio aerial seem to be gone. Annual fox kills in Britain are said to be about 25,000 and a whopping 600,000 in Germany.

The British aristocracy still hasn't been able to get past the cruel sport of running down foxes with hounds and horses. Britain banned hunting foxes with hounds in 2004 but the ban is widely ignored.

Members of the Royal family still have fox hunts, although they claim to use fox scent, not real foxes. A couple of years back people complained to police that a real fox was being chased by hounds and red jacketed horse riders during one of Prince's Charles' hunts.

Foxes, however, often are smarter than the hounds, horses and humans. Certainly they are more loyal parents. There was a report from England that a kit fox was caught in a trap for two weeks but survived because its mother brought it food every day.

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### letters to the editor

## Warden closes doors

To the Editor,

Does it make sense that the newly appointed warden of Haliburton has stated that her focus is going to be on tourism yet when it comes to participating in an Ontario program like Doors Open she allowed her councillors just to say it is too much work and the project is not going to happen?

April is still a few months away and I am sure there are businesses such as brew pubs, other

churches, etc. To say the A list has been used up is a little off as it was 2012 when these were last used. All admitted that is was worthwhile but I guess not worth the effort. I know many who visited and found it very interesting and worthwhile also.

Regards,,

**Jamie Pritchard**  
**Big Hawk Lake**

## Junior book of the month

*Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews

Greg has worked hard to build up a carefully constructed façade to get through high school. Not able to join any of the established social groups in the brutal hierarchy that is secondary education, and knowing that being group-less will lead to certain misery, he has learned to feign being a member of every group, thus ensuring survival on the periphery. On the side, Greg hangs out with his friend Earl – more coworker than friend, he thinks – creating films in the style of their idols Herzog and Coppola, but this is a secret lest Greg find himself ostracized from a high school where no one is really a friend, but thinks they are. Then in senior year, in the midst of parental pressure to apply to college and to keep his grades

up, Rachel Kushner gets cancer. Greg and Rachel haven't really been friends for years – at best indifferent classmates – and now Greg's mom has decided that he has to hang out with her – because she has cancer. Soon Greg's foolproof plan for high school survival begins to unravel.

Funny, brutally honest, and heartbreaking, *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* is Jesse Andrews' debut novel, and has recently been released as a motion picture. Both the book and DVD are available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

### Library News

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# Nominations open for business and community awards

by JENN WATT  
Editor

Bernie and Jim Davis are avid travellers and wherever they go they are interacting with frontline staff at restaurants, grocery stores and gas stations. Their impression of any town or region is shaped by the interactions they have with the

workers they encounter. That's why when last year's Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards nomination period came around, Bernie decided to submit the name of an employee at her local grocery store. Problem was, none of the categories applied. "There were some nominations over the past couple of years ... that

didn't really quite fit into one of the other categories," says Autumn Smith, member services representative for the chamber. "It was the gala committee that sat down and thought about adding [the award]." The result was the Customer First Employee Award, introduced for the first time this year. The award is to celebrate those workers who make patronizing a

business a pleasant experience. For Bernie, the addition of the award means that those who most often represent a company – and the Highlands community – to customers will receive important recognition. "The frontline workers are the people I see as a customer and that's really significant," she says. The man she intends to nominate always treats her kindly and she sees him brightening the day of others in the store as well. "You just come out of there feeling so much better," she says. "I feel really inspired and not only that, he really helps me."

they see is Haliburton," Lester says. That is precisely the intention of the awards, Smith says. "We want to recognize the incredible work that these businesses are doing," she says. "They're working around the clock to do what they do and it's important to recognize them." The deadline for award nominations is quickly approaching. All nominations must be in by 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22.

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huana in the vehicle. A 20-year-old woman from Dysart et al was arrested and charged with possession of under 30 grams of marijuana; failing to surrender her insurance card and speeding. She is scheduled to appear in court March 2.



### Winners

Tuesday mens A division winners Scotty Boyd (Skip), Ron Robbie (Vice), Cec Ryall (2nd) and Don Bunt (Lead). They were awarded steaks from Foodland and the Trophy Property Realty trophy. Photo submitted by Wes Lytle.



# Grants roll in for area projects

by JENN WATT  
Editor

Two area not-for-profits and one municipality are moving forward with community projects after their applications were accepted by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands secured the largest grant – \$548,000 over three years – for the rural performing arts network they have been building since 2009.

The money comes from the provincial Grow Grants.

“The SPARC Network Steering Committee’s (a committee of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands) mandate at the end of the three years is to create a provincial steering committee for performing arts in rural communities that will carry on after the three year period, to create and develop eight performing arts community hubs across rural Ontario and to create an online communication network that connects performing artists around the province,” committee chairwoman Chris Lynd wrote in an email to the paper.

More details about the project will be released in the coming weeks.

The municipality of Highlands East also received a sizeable funding injection with \$150,000 for ice-making equipment for the Wilberforce Curling Club.

“It was aging equipment that definitely needed replaced,” says Highlands East chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter.

The curling club has been feeling the effects of aging infrastructure; last week, they announced that a brine leak due to 40-year-old pipes had closed the club for the remainder of the season. Hunter said this Trillium grant is not designated for the pipes, which will need to be funded another way.

“We have been trying for the better part of two and a half years to fundraise to replace that ice equipment,” said club vice-president Darrell McQuigge. The old compressor and

ice plant have some parts dating back to the late 1970s, he said, and needed upgrades.

“It’ll make a big difference,” he said.

The third grant from Trillium was awarded to SIRCH Community Services for a pilot program teaching adults how to upcycle and refurbish used furniture.

As executive director Gena Robertson explained, upcycling is when one item is reimagined into something new and different. For example, an old wooden bed frame can be repurposed into a deacon bench and two paddles or shutters can be adjusted to become a coat rack.

The \$74,400 grant will go to hiring instructors for the program as well as pay for the space and related costs. The course will run five days a week for 12 weeks starting in March.

“At the end of it ... the question that we’re trying to ask is whether this could be a viable business to keep people employed,” Robertson said.

“It’s a teaching program so they will have a project of their own but we will also be doing projects for sale at the end. That money will go to SIRCH,” she said.

Anyone interested in enrolling in the program or who has skills in repurposing and upcycling should get in touch with SIRCH at info@sirch.on.ca.

“We have been trying for the better part of two and a half years to fundraise to replace that ice equipment.”

— DARRELL MCQUIGGE

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## Winners

Friday evening A division winners Ted Wilkes (Skip), Ruby Wilkes (Vice), Doug Black (2nd) and Renate Black (Lead). They were awarded steaks from Foodland and the Stedmans V&S Trophy. Photo submitted by Wes Lytle

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## CHAMBER NEWS

### OUR ROLE IN THE OFFICIAL PLAN Give your input on local development

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is in the middle of conversations with Haliburton County's Planner, Charley White, about business considerations for the Official Plan review that our County is currently undertaking. This review process begins at the County level and then moves to the municipal level once every five years, and public input is a contributing factor to Official Plans. The Official Plan provides policies for how land is used. Earlier this summer, the voice of business was heard when the Chamber made a delegation to Council at the County's first Official Plan public session. The first draft of Official Plan amendments (August 2015) was reflective of some of the concerns and recommendations that were brought forward by the Chamber membership and we are confident that our most recent submission to Charley White, regarding the Manufacturing Round Table findings, will help further shape the second draft of the County Official Plan.

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## What we've been learning from round table discussions

The Chamber held a number of Round Table discussions this past fall, to explore some key issues facing local businesses. The information gleaned from two of these round tables – Learning and Manufacturing, will help shape the work of the Chamber this year. The following is a synopsis of these round table findings.

### Manufacturing Round Table

Manufacturing and light industry is an important and growing sector in the Haliburton Highlands and has in the past, had minimal consideration in the County and Municipal Official Plans. Challenges facing this sector include a shortage of suitable properties and infrastructure, accessibility of business growth funding, and inflexible and costly bylaws and regulations hindering or restricting business expansion and attraction.

This round table also identified a growing need for supports around working in the global market. More and more local businesses are expanding to the global market and would benefit from mentoring, resources and funding. There was also discussion about the development of Business Parks, vs Industrial Parks, and environments where businesses could share facilities and services. Such a business model could enable the sharing of resources and operational departments, resulting in efficiencies and more time and energy for managing business growth.

This group of business leaders came together to talk about opportunities and solutions...

*"We have an opportunity to think well into the future and make recommendations to county and municipal planners that will promote retention, expansion and attraction of clean manufacturing/light industry businesses"*

Lorne Heise, Heat-Line Corp.

Next steps for this group include: reviewing and providing input on the County and Municipal Official Plans; making a case for the economic impact of the manufacturing/light industry sector, and engaging more businesses in these important discussions.

### Learning Round Table

Though there are countless local sources for skills development, there tends to be a lack of awareness of and participation in local training opportunities. Overall, finding skilled labour to fill positions is a huge challenge, one that has been locally identified as one of the top 2 barriers to business retention, expansion and attraction.

The business community has a lot to offer to the student learning experience and a number of opportunities were discussed including increased business engagement in high school education. Becoming more involved with high school co-op education is one way in which the business community could help expose more students to the skilled trades and business community, which will in turn help broaden their career horizons.

Building confidence through non-traditional, simplistic programs or learning opportunities is another area for development. The group determined that there is a need to come up with strategies that promote a culture of life-long learning and develop informal learning opportunities. One such opportunity being explored by the Haliburton County Public Library is a "try-it-fair", offering mini sessions on topics of interest that could create interest in expanded learning opportunities.

At the end of the round table, each participant left with more information and tactics for improving skills development, training, and education in the Haliburton Highlands.

Some next steps identified included: an inventory of skills development resources and opportunities; the gathering of data on skills development needs/interests, and connecting with the high school.

For full summaries of these round table discussions, go to [haliburtonchamber.com](http://haliburtonchamber.com)

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# Still time to sign up for snowshoe hikes

## DORSET NEWS

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The Dorset winter tai chi program has already started but it's not too late to join in. Learn to relax and energize with

tai chi, chi kung and meditation on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Advanced class is available from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Beginners are always welcome! Pre-Registration is required. Classes are taught by Valerie Houston Peel of Temple Knights Holistic Martial Arts. To register or find out more, visit [www.templeknights.com](http://www.templeknights.com) or email [info@templeknights.com](mailto:info@templeknights.com) or call Valerie at 705-767-1177.

There is still room to participate in the upcoming guided snowshoe hikes taking place at the Frost Centre trails this January. The first hike takes place on January 21 and the theme is "Wild in Winter" with wildlife biologist Mike Buss. Explore the trails in winter, look for wildlife and their signs and gain insights into how they cope with cold temperatures and deep snow. Correction from time previously mentioned: The time is 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. meeting at the Frost Centre Ski & Snowshoe Trails - Algonquin Highlands Trails Office, 20130 Hwy 35, 12km south of Dorset.

On January 28 the theme is "Winter Ecology". Discover the serene beauty of our forest landscape in winter and explore winter ecology with hike leader, naturalist Sheila Ziman. Correction from time previously mentioned: The time is 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. also meeting at the Frost Centre Ski & Snowshoe Trails. Both hikes are funded by the Government of Ontario. The cost is \$5 per hike and includes equipment (or bring your own) and trail pass. Registration is required. Please contact [recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca) or call 705-766-9968 to find out more or to register. Registrations are being processed through the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Our friends up Pioneer Memorial United Church - 2370 Hwy 60 at Hillside have invited us on Saturday, January 30 at 5 p.m. to a "Chili Dinner and Games Night". The cost is \$10 or \$20 per Family at the door. Email [Winchester.scott@gmail.com](mailto:Winchester.scott@gmail.com) for more information.

Registrations are now being accepted for the Intermediate Cross Country Ski lessons taking place at the Frost Centre Ski & Snowshoe Trails - Algonquin Highlands Trails Office, 20130 Hwy 35, 12km south of Dorset. On offer is a 4 week session on Thursdays in February from the 4th to the 25th

from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 for the session and includes equipment and trail fees. Registration is required and space is limited. Please contact [recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca) or call 705-766-9968 to find out more or to register. Registrations are being processed through the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Registration forms and pledge sheets for the 2016 Dorset Poker Rally are now available at the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club website, [www.tallpines.org](http://www.tallpines.org) The rally is set to take place on Saturday, February 13, 2016 with proceeds to aid Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. Pre-registration is Friday February 12 from 5 to 9 p.m. and registration is Saturday February 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$40 per rider (waived for pledges of \$100 or more) and includes ride, dinner and poker hand. Prizes will be awarded for the top 10 poker hands with a 1st prize of \$2,000 cash! Prizes are also awarded for the most money in pledges. Lou Moore is back to entertain and there will be sponsored checkpoints. OFSC trial permits will be available beforehand. Participants must be age 19 or older to purchase a poker hand. For more information, please contact Charmaine at 705.766.9263 or Steve 705.766.2780.


Lions Camp Dorset is located at 1003 Camp Road, Dorset, Algonquin Highlands.

Birthday wishes for January 10 to 16 go out to Corey Crewson, Marie Warkentin, Hugh Reynolds and Graham Avery. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to [malfano@hotmail.ca](mailto:malfano@hotmail.ca) or give me a call at 705-766-0076.


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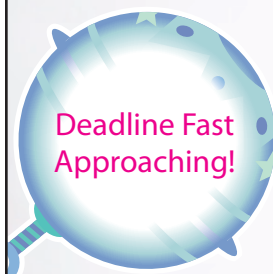
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# New trails at South Wind Motel

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The owner of the South Wind Motel and Campground is turning his business into a haven for ATVers, snowmobilers and Jeep enthusiasts.

Throughout the fall, Ray Gervais constructed a 10-kilometre network of trails run-

ning through the 131-acre property.

"There was only one, main trail back there before," Gervais explains.

The trails on the property connect to the county trail system.

All types of four-wheelers, ATVs, snowmobiles and Jeeps are welcome.

While the snow has not been plentiful so far this winter, "the Jeeps are loving it," Gervais said. "You of course have to make

sure you have the right tires."

He also suggests bringing a winch.

The trail network is a multi-tiered system with trails for people with different skill levels, from beginners to experts.

Gervais, who purchased the business in

2014, plans on adding to the network.

"There's more to come," he says.

For more information, visit southwind-motel.ca or search South Wind Motel and Campground on Facebook.



Mudding, anyone? There is a new trails network at South Wind Motel outside Minden. /Photo submitted.

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# Tyke Storm takes tournament

On Saturday, Jan. 9 and 10, the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team competed in the Millbrook Tyke tournament. Their first game on Saturday was against Ottonabee where the Storm were tested early but were able to rise to the challenge. Brady Burch, Brechin Johnston, Evan Jones, Vanek Logan, Jace Mills, and McLean Rowden all scored goals to help the Storm seal the victory 9-1. It was another solid goaltending performance by Chase Winder. Player of the game was awarded to Evan Jones.

In their second game the Storm squared off against Lindsay who held the Storm to a 1-1 tie at the end of the first period. Midway through the second period the Storm hit their stride and started to find the back of the net. Brady Burch, Connor Byrne, Jace Mills and McLean Rowden all scored goals and helped send the team to the A Finals with an 8-2 win. The Player of the Game was Connor Byrne.

With two wins under their belt and the championship medal on the line, the Storm were set to face Mariposa in the A Finals. The Storm put forth a solid team effort, with many players adding to the final tally. Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston, Vanek Logan, Caleb Manning, Jace Mills, Josh Scheffee and Parker Simms all found the back of the net. The Storm won the tournament with a 13-1 win. The Player of the Game was awarded to Jace Mills. Congratulations team on a great weekend of hockey. The Tyke team is action on Friday, Jan. 15 when they take on the Huntsville Otters. Good luck

*By Janice Sheffee*

## Midget A

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team hosted a Tuesday night contest against the Parry Sound Shamrocks in Minden. The game opened at a quick pace and the home side was equal to the task ending the first period down by one. The second period followed at the same pace and the Storm had a three minute five-on-three but were unable to solve the Shamrock netminder and the second period ended at 3-0, Parry Sound. As the Highlanders squandered another five-on-three frustrations boiled over in a physical, penalty filled third with the visitors adding another two to

finish it off 5-0.

Friday night the Storm traveled to Parry Sound for the MPS tournament a precursor to the play offs. The Highlanders opened Friday night against the Huntsville Otters and we were treated to an action packed even first period with both teams scoring one, the Storms by Owen Patterson-Smith. The next period found Huntsville gain an edge scoring three to end the period 4-1 for them. The third the Highlanders stormed back with two goals by Jaydon Wood to pull within one but, with the goalie pulled for an extra attacker, the Otters paddled the puck into the empty net for a 5-3 final.

Saturday morning the locals faced off against the Parry Sound Shamrocks who they will face in the first round of the upcoming playoffs. The first period pace was a little sluggish by both sides with the Shamrocks using their magic to find the back of the net first and it ended 1-0. The second found the pace picking up and Goalie Parker "The Smolen Wall" Smolen had to make key saves to keep the tournament hosts at bay until the Storm's Chris Thompson evened the contest at 1-1 to end the sector. In the third the Storm felt the game was theirs and relentlessly rained shots on Parry Sound until Mac Rider scored midway through with Chris Thomson following with his second and then scored the trick in an empty net for a 4-1 win, a great morale boost against their first round playoff opponent!

The Saturday afternoon game was against the South Muskoka Bears from Bracebridge with the winner playing in the final and the loser having to traverse the foggy, rainy long drive home..knocked out. Both sides came out in a cautious, defensive stance with the Bears sneaking one through quickly in the first with the Highlanders answering later on a feed from Jaydon Wood to Paydon Miscio who was finally rewarded for his mammoth presence in the game. The second period found the game more open with South Muskoka scoring the go ahead tally midway through but Nolan Flood scored the equalizer on another feed from Captain Jaydon Wood. The third found both teams trading chances with the Bears taking the lead once more midway in the fragment but the Storm tied it up, with six minutes left, yet again by Flood from Owen Patterson-Smith and Miscio. With tension filling the confines of the Bobby Orr Community Centre, South Muskoka tallied to lead by one and with desperation filling the local side the resilient bunch netted the tying score with three minutes left on a shot by Patterson-Smith from Wood, the period expired knotted at four. This led to a sudden death four-on-four, three-minute overtime segment which saw both teams trade chances but none finding the back of net, next up was a three-on-three, three-minute stanza, where the Bears snuck it in with four second left to clinch the OT and a berth in the final.

The Storm had an energetic tourney against their division rivals and had outstanding performances over the weekend by Mark Saville and Greg Crofts who do not often find the spotlight shining on them. The season is finalized this Friday in Huntsville and then "wayward ho" to play-offs against Parry Sound.

*Submitted by Dave and Katie Howe*

## Peewee AE

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Walkers Heating and Cooling Highland Storm Peewee AE's faced off against the Huntsville Otters this past weekend eagerly looking forward to a rematch following their 4-3 loss the week before. Huntsville took advantage early and got the games first goal six minutes in. The Storm were effective killing off a penalty shortly after and took the momentum one step further as Sam Hoenow tied the game one handing his own rebound past the Otter goaltender. Huntsville would retake the lead with a little tap-in that just squeaked past Storm net minder Nathan Miscio. Some fine defensive play by Mathias Lee kept the Otters from adding to their lead and some open ice rushes from Ben Robinson almost tied it up for the Storm. In the second period, Brendan Coumbs converted a perfect pass from Kolby McGovern for the Storm's tying goal. The teams would remain deadlocked at two with wonderful end to end minor league hockey action until Sam Hoenow found himself one on one against the Otter goaltender. His bar down wrist shot in close with give our locals the 3-2 lead heading into the final frame. The Storm took advantage of a late second period Otter penalty when Tyler Martin gave the Storm a two goal cushion early in the third period with a powerful end to end man advantage goal rush. Huntsville would respond with a power play goal of their own to cut the Storm lead in half and then knot the game at four only 30 seconds later. The Storm had one last chance for the win with a minute to go when Hoenow once again found himself one on one with the feisty Otter goal keeper Parker

Soberg-Dann only to see the puck roll off his stick and go wide. The game ended in a very entertaining 4-4 tie with the local fans anticipating a highly possible opening round against the Otters in the first round of the playoffs.

*Submitted by Gord Hoenow*

## Bantam A

The MPS tournament began this past weekend. The Highland Storm Bantam A team started against the Huntsville Otters Saturday afternoon, in Port Carling and lost 4-2. It's always been a tough go against the Otters and this game was no different. The Storm had a bit of a slow start, allowing the Otters the first goal. The Storm started to pick up some momentum later in the first period. Lucas Haedicke controlled the puck behind the Otters net, made the quick pass to Nigel Smith, who found the opening for the Storm's tying goal. The Otters answered back with another, taking the lead once more in the second period. Both teams continued to battle. Seconds into the third period, while on a power play, Austin French took a point shot for a top corner goal. Passes came from Owen Gilbert and Nik Dollo. Now, tied 2-2 with lots of time on the clock. Mid way through the third, the Otters scored again. The Storm continued to word hard. With less than two minutes in the game, it was time to pull the goalie and get the extra man, but it wasn't enough. It ended with a 4-2 loss for the Storm. Great effort, boys! The second game of the MPS tournament for the Highland Storm Bantam A team was against the South Muskoka Bears. That ended in a 2-1 loss and the end of the tournament for the Storm. The first period was hard hitting, with end-to-end action and scoreless. Midway through the second period, the Storm pushed hard to the net and got the first goal, by Nik Dollo. The Storm started the third period strong and winning 1-0 but that's when things changed. The penalties began and didn't stop. The exciting fun game of hockey was lost and so was the game.

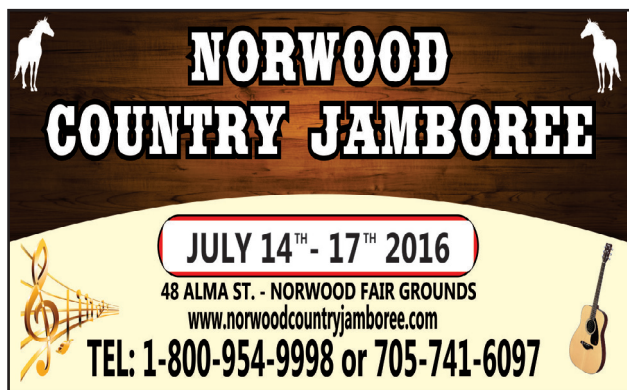
*Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke*

## Midget girls

The Bancroft I.D.A./Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets travelled to Orillia this weekend to play in the Orillia Hawks Tourney. They played Kapuskasing Jaguars Friday night in their first of three games in their pool. The Jets skated well and Katie Hoover stopped all shots in a scoreless first period. Midway through the second the Jaguars broke the tie on the power play with a wrister that found its way into the net through a maze of players. The Jets battled back and tied the game at 1-1 late in the second. Danielle Sunstrum slipped in a rebound from Ashley Challinor's point shot. Penalty trouble put the squads into a four-on-four test which Kapuskasing capitalized on with just seconds left in the second period to take a 2-1 lead. The Jets continued their attack but could solve the Jaguar net-minder in the third period. Late in the third period, Kapuskasing put another marker on the board with a bouncing puck that seemed to have eyes as it found its way to a waiting Jaguar who poked the puck into the net for a final score of 3-1. On Saturday morning, the Jets took to the ice for their second game of their pool play. Needing a win, the Jets faced off against the Sarnia Lady Sting in a battle for second place in their pool and a spot in Sunday's Midget B Semi-Final. The Jets put together two strong periods of scoreless hockey and midway through the third period capitalized on their pressure to force a turnover behind the Sarnia net. With a play to get the puck to the net, Kenndal Marsden put home a goal-mouth scramble to give the Jets a 1-0. The Sting accepted the challenge and on the very next shift created a Jets' turnover behind the net and tied the game with a wrap-around tally. Sarnia used the goal to ramp up their pressure and took a 2-1 lead with just over two minutes left in the game on a bouncing puck that deflected up and over the net, finding its way across the goal line. The Jets tried to find the 2-2 equalizer but Sarnia put away an empty-netter with just seconds left in the game to eliminate any chances of games on Sunday with the 3-1 loss. On Saturday night, the Jets played their last of the three games in their pool play against the St. Catharines Brock Jr Badgers. Looking to build on their team play the Jets took to the ice in their final game of the Tourney. Both teams battled to find the twine but could not solve their opposing net-minder. After two scoreless periods, the Badgers scored the only goal of the game early in the third period after a point shot was deflected and bounced off some skates away from the net to a waiting Badger who capitalized on a wide open net. Another tough loss ladies. The weekend will be used to refocus for the regular season wrap-up and a push into the play-offs.

*Submitted by Dan Marsden*

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# Sleigh ride time

## AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse Sunday's dreary weather seemed well-suited to taking down the decorations from the new tree in the family room. Each ornament was carefully re-wrapped some deserving of a special memory moment. Up in the original house, a frame Ontario style circa 1908, this year the old tree rather than being discarded still stands with its lights, tinsel and globes aglow and the giant burlap stockings still hang over the fireplace for awhile longer until our youngest finally arrives. This year with our staying home and all three grandchildren coming for a Christmas visit more effort was made to create a holiday country welcoming atmosphere. After decorating the front room which had been our living space for some 30 years Bruce and I sat there reflecting in its warmth as memories flooded in. We could picture small children gleefully stomach sliding down the fourteen stairs on their bunk mattresses, Megan in front of the open door chirping to guide a trapped bird back out to freedom, making porridge at 2 a.m. for our nine hungry puppies so that their abandoned mother "Lady" could sleep in and on Christmas Eve making sure that treats were on the hearth for Santa and his reindeer. It was so peaceful that we sat there for an hour or so with no words spoken or needed.

Congratulations to Jessica [Crego] Callaghan owner of "J.C. Cuts & More" formerly on Main Street, Kinmount. Jessica has now opened her salon in her home located at 3718 County Road 121 south of Kinmount. To book an appointment her phone number remains the same 705-488-1148. From personal experience both Bruce and I have appreciated Jessica's excellent skills and service.

This Saturday, Jan. 16 starting at 12:30 p.m. the annual Community Sleigh Ride will be held at the Pearson Hunting Camp on the Galway Road. Families can enjoy a rural winter experience with horse-drawn sleigh rides courtesy of Mash Hill Carriages [705-488-2724], a warming cabin, roaring bonfire and refreshments available at reasonable cost. Funds raised go to support an identified local project or need. When our children

were young this event was eagerly anticipated and enjoyed.

Also this Saturday, Jan. 16 the Friends of the Library will hold its monthly Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Kinmount Branch. All books are a bargain at fifty cents each and your donations of items including CD's and DVD's [ please no magazines or texts] are welcome. The Friends have just installed a new larger, leak proof Drop Box by the lower level doors of the Branch. If you would be interested in being part of this group and assisting with the Book Sales please give librarian Mary Ann Dobsi a call at 705-488-3199.

At the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 Big Bucks Bid Euchre returns on Wednesday, January 20th with lunch included in the \$10 admission charge. This popular event is held on the third Wednesday of each month and for a full list of Branch activities please check out its Facebook page. Also mark your calendars now for the Buddy Holly plus Tribute on Saturday, February 6th at 5 p.m. There will also be a Musical Meat Draw and Trivia contest with non-members welcome to attend. Sunday, Feb. 7 will be "Superbowl Sunday" with a Pot Luck in the Clubroom and a chance to cheer on your favourite team. This year 2016 will mark the 70th Anniversary of the John McGrath Branch 441 Royal Canadian Legion with many special events planned in celebration of this milestone.

The annual "Bursary Dinner & Auction" in support of the Kinmount & District Educational Bursary Fund assisting local students entering or continuing their post secondary education at university, college or trade school will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the fully accessible Galway Hall with doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. This fun evening also includes a Country, Loonie and Silent Auction with great items available. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling Vic Ballik at 705-488-3053 or at the Kinmount Pharmacy on the lower level of the Health Centre.

Granddaughter Emma gave me a small, clear plastic bird feeder which attaches by suction cups to your window which hopefully might attract back the chickadees and not the racoons. It has been a major disappointment not being able to enjoy the chickadees' antics over the past two winters but frankly I have not seen any winter birds so far this year. Until next week keep busy and well, they go together.....

# County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Jan. 3 Big Bucks Euchre at Minden Legion: Tied for first place at 97 points were Shirley Kuni and Velma Fawcett with Dorothy Falls second at 95. Most lone hand holders were Pearl Cowen and Pat McInnis. Bev Johnson reminds that the next monthly Sunday event will be held on February 7th.

Jan. 4 contract bridge at Stanhope: Topping the charts at 6,120 was Kathie Porter then Ross Fletcher 5,110, Pearl Foster 4,740 and Gayle McAskil 4,250 with Karen Albert awarded the Lucky Loonie.

Jan. 5 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that the high scoring trio members were Donna McArthur 4,490, Mary Davis 3,850 and Georgia Macey 3,490. There were two Small Slams over the morning one by Jan Heaven and Mary Davis and a second by Donna McArthur and David Gray.

Jan. 5 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to George Hamilton and Kaye Bull with 242 points then our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with Ray Lymer 236. Bev Kerr going solo captured third spot at 224 while Yvonne Arbuthnot and John Kerr posted the afternoon's low of 69.

Jan. 5 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Sharon Jarvis 292, Muriel McIntosh 255, Vi Howell 249 and Pat Marshall 230. First for the gents at 322

was Bruce Metcalf followed by Bill McKnight 258, Jesse Barlow 244 and Dwaine Lloyd 230. Sharron Atkinson won the major draw with Bill McKnight, our reporter Tom Grix and Garth Windsor claiming the smaller prizes while Garth also took a moonshot along with Pat Marshall and Ida Young.

Jan. 5 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Nancy McPherson reports that Shirley Davis held the most lone hands with Helen Burk high lady and Donna Darby low. For the gents Jim MacPherson was high and Neil Darby low while Irene McDowell won the special prize.

Jan. 6 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Leading in North/South were Diana Spicer and our interim bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh at 58 percent and Sue and Paul Pethick at 53 percent. Over in East/West the duo of Joan Davies and Dee MacLean tied for first place with Rhonda Elstone and Carol Bowker at 59 percent.

Jan. 7 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hand honours went to Theresa Deak and Doug McIntosh with Shirley and Terry Davis posting the high scores. The evening's lows were recorded by Yvonne Arbuthnot and Betty McDonald while Carol Wilson [2], Terry Davis and Donna Darby took home the other prizes. Thanks to Tom Grix for this update,

To be continued next week's issue.

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## COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

**DATE:** Monday, January 25, 2016  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Municipal Council Chambers  
 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2015055, and PMLV2015059**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

**PLMV2015055 (Revised Application)** - Part of Lot 21, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, being Lot 1 of Registered Plan 463, and Part 1 of Reference Plan 19R-9087; municipally known as 1023 King Fisher Lane; and being located on Kashagawigamog Lake.

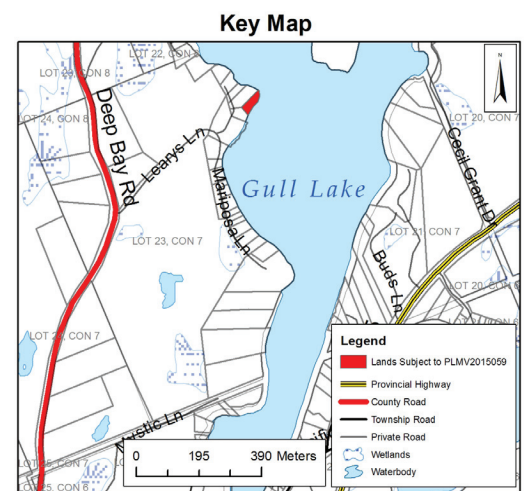
**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the reconstruction, and reconfiguration, of a legal non-conforming use (oversized sleeping cabin), together with an addition to the non-complying dwelling and deck which are located within 15 m. (49'6") of the High Water Mark. The variance would allow the dwelling to encroach an additional 0.6m. (2') towards the water for a proposed setback of 8.2 m. (27'), whereas the deck addition would maintain the existing 6.4m. (21') setback.

The applicant seeks relief from Section 4.7.2 of the Zoning By-law to permit the reconstruction of the oversized sleeping cabin, and from Section 4.7.4(ii) to permit its relocation within the required interior side yard setback. And further, from Section 4.7.4(ii) & (iv) to permit a 42% increase (44.6m<sup>2</sup> [480 sq.ft.]) to the existing 107m<sup>2</sup> (1,152 sq.ft.) dwelling and its further encroachment of 0.6 m. (2') towards the High Water Mark; and a 14% increase (6.7m<sup>2</sup> [72 sq.ft.]) to the existing 48.5m<sup>2</sup> (522 sq.ft.) deck.



**PLMV2015059** - Part of Lot 23, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1104 Leary's Lane; and located on Gull Lake.

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit: a 35% addition (10.4 m<sup>2</sup> [112 sq.ft.]) to the existing garage, and its conversion into an oversized sleepin cabin which would be located 1.8m (6') from the side lot line; an addition to the existing sleeping cabin and its conversion into a garage which would be located 1.8m (6') from the side lot line, and within the required setback from the High Water Mark; a dwelling addition of 26% (36 m<sup>2</sup> [387.5sq.ft.]) and an increase in height of the dwelling of 3.7 (12'); a deck addition of 32% (16.8 m<sup>2</sup> [181 sq.ft.]); and the construction of a new screened in porch within the required setback from the High Water Mark 16.3m. (53.5'). The garage would be located 12.2m. (40') from the High Water Mark. No further encroachment is proposed for the deck or dwelling. The effect of the additions would result in a lot coverage of 5.7% for all accessory buildings and 20.8% for all buildings and structures.



**Input on the above noted application is welcome and encouraged.** You can provide your input, either in support or opposition to any of the proposed minor variances, by making a written submission to the Township or by speaking at the Public Hearing. If you do not attend the Public Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

**To provide input** in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail [iclendenig@mindenhill.ca](mailto:iclendenig@mindenhill.ca). If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, or make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

**Additional information** regarding this application is available online at [www.mindenhill.ca](http://www.mindenhill.ca). A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Dated** this 14th day of January, 2015.

Ian Clendenig, MPI.  
 Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment  
 P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0



# Check out crib at the Legion



## LEGION BR. 636

There will be a very exciting presentation taking place Thursday morning at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Mabel D Brannigan Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will be presenting Minden's awards for the Poster and Literary competitions. Forty-nine entries were received in November, all with a Remembrance theme, and seven entries have progressed to the District F Level to compete against 50 other branches. The previous year Minden students brought home one second and three third-place honours, but District results for 2015 are not announced yet.

Football fans were "out in the cold" last Sunday with a power outage in Minden. First Vice President Roy Flieger was on standby as volunteer bartender, but Mother Nature and the hard-working Hydro crews wouldn't co-operate. Better luck next Sunday, when the Branch is open from noon to 5pm.

Our regular weekday lunches continue noon to 2 pm throughout the winter and on Thursday evening you can get a takeout meal if you call between 2 and 6 p.m. We still have our very popular hand-dipped Fish and Chips for Friday lunch, as well as supper from 5 to 7pm with wings and rings included on the menu. Meat Draws take place every Wednesday at noon with a selection of four butcher-quality meats, 8 tickets for just \$8.

Jan. 29 will be the monthly draw date for a gift certificate to the 50's Diner in Minden. Tickets are now available at the Branch \$2

each or 3 for \$5. There are several other draws and a new series of break-open tickets.

The public is welcome to come enjoy our Branch and all it offers.

On Jan. 23 Coboconk Branch 519 is hosting the Zone F4 Cribbage tournament for 13 area branches. Cost is \$40 per team and registration starts at 10am. You'll have to bring a valid Legion membership card in order to participate. Talk to other crib players who are also Legion members and put together a team heading for Coby. The Registration form is posted on the board in the Sports Room. Even if you don't play crib, the observation section is open and this is a great opportunity to share in friendly comradeship with other Branches in our area. Winners will be advancing to Pickering on Feb 13.

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First draw, first place



First draw, second place



First draw, third place

## J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel remembers Mike

The J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel was held at the Minden Curling Club on Monday, Dec. 28. The teams came from the curling clubs of Minden, Haliburton, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Beaverton and Wilberforce. The overall winner of the bonspiel and winner of the J.O. Jackson Memorial plaque came from the second draw and was from Minden Curling Club, skipped by Dwight Thomas, vice was Wes Lytle, second Eric Casper and lead Cody Williams. The second place team was from Haliburton and was skipped by Don Wetmore, vice Mitch Stephen, second Steve Colliver

and lead Russ Duhaime. Third place was from Bobcaygeon with Skip Fred Broder, vice Bill Richardson, second Keith Yarnell and at lead Ken Goreski. The winner of the first draw was the team skipped by Alf Trotter, with vice Bob Pollard, second Bob Walli and Gord Keene at lead. The second place team in this draw was skipped by Dave Connell with Darrell O'Neill at vice, Bob MacNaull at second and Terry Lawrence at lead. The third place team was skipped by Dave Millington from Minden. Vice was Cec Ryall, second Ron Bobby and lead Bert Kennedy.

Raffle prizes were generously donated by Canadian Tire, Dave Millington, Len Goreski and Heather Taylor. The lunch was provided with the help of Heather Taylor, Joyce Nilsson, Vickie Tranter, Marion Gillanders, Dee McLean and other volunteers.

All curlers remembered the contribution of Mike Jackson, son and sponsor of J.O. Jackson. Mike died last month when his vehicle was in collision with a moose.

*Submitted by Tony Taylor*



Second draw, second place



Second draw, third place



Overall winners, second draw first place



### Winners

Monday ladies league 1st and playoff winners Bernice Murray (Skip), Jane Boyd (Vice), Betty Goard (2nd) and Pam Weiss (Lead). Awarded \$20 gift certificate from Coneybeares. Photo submitted by Wes Lytle



Tuesday mens league winners Doug Hall (Skip), Mike Clewlow (Vice), Ray Kidon (2nd) and Rick Wood (Lead). They were awarded steaks from Foodland and the Bill Roodenburg Trophy. Photo submitted by Wes Lytle



Friday evening league winners Scotty Boyd (Skip), Jane Boyd (Vice), Bob Barron (2nd) and Maribeth Baron. They were awarded steaks from Foodland and the Remax North Country Realty Trophy. Photo submitted by Wes Lytle

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A Memorial Mass for Mark will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobycaygeon Road, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, January 16th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 636, 12847 Hwy. 35 N, Minden. Cremation has taken place.

Donations in memory of Mark to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.



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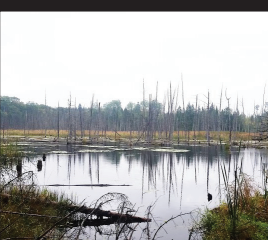
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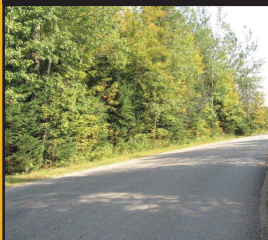
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